

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An electronic device having a display panel and a plurality of keys to which desired functions can be assigned, comprising:

display means for causing display of a plurality of items on the display panel;

means for receiving a selection of a desired item from the plurality of items, after which

the display means causing display of a setting screen corresponding to the selected desired item; and

assigning means for assigning keys using the setting screen,

wherein a first of the plurality of keys is assigned a function for displaying the setting screen, and

wherein second and third of the plurality of keys are respectively assigned to one of a two paired functions.

2. (Currently amended) The electronic device as set forth in claim 1, wherein when said one of a said two paired functions ~~are~~ is assigned, a message prompts a user to assign the other of the ~~two~~ paired functions.

3. (Currently amended) The electronic device as set forth in claim 1, wherein when said one of a said two paired functions ~~are~~ is assigned to the second key, the other of the ~~two~~ paired functions is automatically assigned to ~~the~~ third of the plurality of the keys.

4. (Previously presented) The electronic device as set forth in claim 1, wherein a sequence of user performed operations are stored and the stored operations are then assigned to said one of the plurality of keys.

5. (Previously presented) The electronic device as set forth in claim 1, wherein functions assigned to two keys of the plurality of keys are swapped.

6. (Currently amended) An electronic device having a display panel and a plurality of keys to which desired functions can be assigned, comprising:

display means for causing display of a plurality of items on the display panel;

means for receiving a selection of a desired item from the plurality of items, after which the display means causes display of a setting screen corresponding to the selected desired item;

assigning means for assigning keys using the setting screen,

wherein a first of the plurality of keys is assigned a function for displaying the setting screen, and

wherein second and third of the plurality of keys are respectively assigned ~~two~~ to one of a paired functions; and

display means for displaying a second setting screen for items that are not included in the plurality of items when the selected desired item is assigned to said one of the plurality of keys.

7. (Currently amended) The electronic device as set forth in claim 6, wherein said one of the plurality of keys is assigned to said one of ~~said a two~~ paired functions, and further comprising:

prompting a user to assign the other of the ~~two~~ paired functions when said one of ~~a said two~~ paired functions is assigned to said one of the plurality of keys.

8. (Currently amended) The electronic device as set forth in claim 6, wherein said one of the plurality of keys is assigned one of ~~said two a~~ paired functions further comprising:

automatically assigning the other of the paired functions to another key of the plurality of keys when said one of ~~said two a~~ paired functions is assigned to said one of the plurality of keys.

9. (Previously presented) The electronic device as set forth in claim 6, wherein a sequence of operations that a user has preformed are stored and said stored operations are assigned to one of the plurality of keys.

10. (Previously presented) The electronic device as set forth in claim 6, wherein functions assigned to two keys of the plurality of keys are swapped.

11. (Previously presented) A method of assigning desired functions to a plurality of keys, comprising the steps of:

displaying a plurality of items;

receiving a selection of a desired item from the plurality of items;

receiving a selection of a key to which a function is assigned from the plurality of keys; and

assigning said function to the selected key,

wherein said function is a paired function.

12. (Previously presented) A method of assigning desired functions to a plurality of keys, comprising the steps of:

displaying a plurality of items;

receiving a selection of a desired item from the plurality of items;

receiving a selection of a key to which a function, corresponding to the selected desired item, is assigned from the plurality of keys, said function being a paired set of functions; and

assigning said function selected at the function selecting step and assigning another function, from said paired set of functions, to said key.

13. (New) An electronic device having a display panel and a plurality of keys to which desired functions can be assigned, comprising:

display section causing display a plurality of items on the display panel;

receiving section receiving a selection of a desired item from the plurality of items, after which the display section causing display of a setting screen corresponding to the selected desired item; and

assigning section assigning keys using the setting screen, wherein a first of the plurality of keys is assigned a function for displaying the setting screen, and

wherein second and third of the plurality of keys are respectively assigned to one of a paired function.

14. (New) An electronic device having a display panel and a plurality of keys to which desired functions can be assigned, comprising:

display section causing display a plurality of items on the display panel;

receiving section receiving a selection of a desired item from the plurality of items, after which the display section causing display of a setting screen corresponding to the selected desired item;

assigning section assigning keys using the setting careen, wherein a first of the plurality of keys is assigned a function for displaying the setting screen, and

wherein second and third of the plurality of keys are respectively assigned to one of a paired function; and

display section for displaying a second setting screen for items that are not included in the plurality of items when the selected desired item is assigned to said one of the plurality of keys.